

Docket No: 09-0087
Bench Date: 3/25/09
Deadline: 4/14/09

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Leslie Haynes and Eve Moran, Administrative Law Judges

DATE: March 20, 2009

SUBJECT: North Shore Gas Company

Request for Waiver of Certain Provisions of 83 Ill. Admin. Code Part 285.

RECOMMENDATION: Entry of the attached Order Approving the Waiver.

North Shore Gas Company ("North Shore") requests, pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 285.140, a waiver of a certain provision of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 285 "Standard Information Requirements" ("Part 285"). On February 25, 2009, North Shore filed revised tariff schedules proposing a general increase in rates ("Proposed Tariffs") utilizing a future test year.

Specifically, North Shore requests a waiver of Section 285.7010(a) which requires that the statement of a CPA in forecasting a future test year "shall . . . comply with the Guide for Prospective Financial Information as of April 1, 1999 by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants . . . and no later amendment or edition is included in this incorporation." On May 1, 2006, the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts issued a revised Guide for Prospective Financial Information. Thus, the 1999 version of the guide is now outdated and North Shore requests a waiver of this requirement in order to utilize the latest version of the guide.

On March 10, 2009, Staff filed a response supporting the Petition. No petitions for leave to intervene were received. We recommend that the Commission enter the attached Order granting the waiver. The deadline for Commission action is April 14, 2009.

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